



CABERNET SAUVIGNON WIGHT VINEYARD

The Philosophy

The vineyards of the historic Lewelling Estate were established in 1864 near the western foothills in St. Helena by Dave and Doug Wight's great-great-grandfather, pioneer winegrower John Lewelling. Here the gravelly loam soil and microclimate combine to produce exceptional Cabernets with rich cherry, currant and berry flavors that are enhanced by traditional winemaking methods and aging in French and American oak barrels. Brothers Dave (the winemaker) & Doug (the viticulturist) Wight team up to grow and produce some of the Napa Valley's finest Cabernet Sauvignon. Most of the grapes go to people like Caymus, Viader, and Beaulieu Vineyards--since 1992 they have made small quantities of wine under their own label.

The Details

Vintage: 2005

Varietal Composition: 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc from Wight Vyd.

Vineyard Location: Napa Valley, ½ mile southwest of St. Helena

Vine & Rootstock: Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc on 110R Rootstock

Harvest Method: Hand-harvested

Harvest Date: October 31, 2005

Press Handling: No press wine

Oak Regimen: 18 months in 100% new French barriques

Fining: None

Filtration: None

Alcohol: 15.3%

Total Case Production: 440 cases

Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

Beautifully harmonious aromas of black currant, blackberry, Bing cherry, and vanilla followed by sweet toasty oak with a hint of anise. Dense dark fruit flavors, sweet black cherry and cassis with touches of chocolate and licorice. This wine is full and complex with layered richness. The dense tannins add to the layers of flavor. You'll savor the long finish down to the very last drop! Pairs well with any veal or beef dish, lamb, pork loin or chops, chicken dishes made with mushrooms and medium-strong cheeses.

About the Name/Label

The wine is named after John Lewelling, a pioneer winegrower and horticulturist who put down roots in St. Helena in 1864. At 144 years, it is one of the oldest continuously-owned family vineyards in the Napa Valley. John Lewelling is the great-grandfather of Janice Lewelling Wight, Dave & Doug Wight's mom. The Wight Vineyard bottling is produced only in exceptional vintages.

